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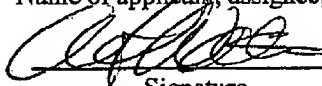
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CLAIM AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A microphone boom stand uniquely adapted to provide both rigid support and vibration damping, comprising:

a base;

a riser stand rising from said base;

a boom adapted to support a microphone in a location horizontally displaced from said riser stand; and

a clamp having a pivoting arrangement and having a clamping arrangement securing said boom to said stand, said clamping arrangement and operative when said clamping arrangement is in a first position to permit relative motion between said boom and said riser stand and said clamping arrangement operative when said clamping arrangement is in a second position to prevent relative motion between said boom and said riser stand, said clamp having a fixed member, at least one rotary disc, and at least one elastomeric member that is in frictional engagement between said fixed member and said at least one rotary disc when said clamping arrangement is in said second position;

at least one extension coupled to said riser stand and retractable and alternatively extendable relative to said riser stand;

an extension lock for locking said riser stand concentrically about said extension to

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20 form a generally fixed mechanical relationship therebetween, said extension
 lock comprising:
 a substantially constant operative cross-sectional shape between a first
 longitudinal end and a second longitudinal end distal to said first
 longitudinal end when cut transverse to a longitudinal axis and having
 an inner surface operative to apply compressive forces against said
25 riser stand and an exterior surface; and
 a means for compressing said inner surface; and
 a cord retention clip formed unitarily with said extension lock adjacent said
 extension lock exterior surface, operatively extending between said first
 longitudinal end and said second longitudinal end, and adapted to elastically
30 retain an electrical cord therein.

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6. (currently amended) The microphone boom stand of claim 1, wherein said clamp further comprises a means for applying a compressive force between said at least one rotary disc, said at least one elastomeric member and said fixed member.
7. (Original) The microphone boom stand of claim 6, wherein said means for applying a compressive force further comprises at least one over-center clamp beyond an outer radius of said rotary disc.
8. (currently amended) The microphone boom stand of claim 1, wherein said base further comprises:
 - first, second and third arms extending radially from a center point and subtending a circle into similar angular displacements;
 - first, second and third massive anchors attached on the respective ends of said first, second and third arms each at a location distal to said center point, and extending generally arcuately and discontinuously about a circular circumference generally concentric with said center point, each of said first, second and third massive anchors spaced from adjacent massive anchors by an amount greater than that required to permit at least one of said first, second and third arms to pass therebetween and spaced from adjacent

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massive anchors by an amount less than a distance required to pass the maximum dimension of said first, second and third massive anchors therebetween.

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17. (previously amended) A boom stand clamp for clamping a first tube concentrically about a second tube to form a generally fixed mechanical relationship therebetween, comprising:
- a substantially constant operative cross-sectional shape between a first longitudinal end and a second longitudinal end distal to said first longitudinal end when cut transverse to a longitudinal axis;
 - an inner surface operative to apply compressive forces;
 - an exterior surface;
 - a means for compressing said inner surface; and
 - a cord retention clip formed unitarily with said clamp adjacent said exterior surface, operatively extending between said first longitudinal end and said second longitudinal end, and adapted to elastically retain an electrical cord therein.
18. (previously amended) The boom stand clamp of claim 17, wherein said compressing means further comprises an over-center mechanism for compressing said inner surface.
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